

## HANDOUT

### Reliability Advisory Council Report *Dick Pursley, Chair of the Reliability Advisory Council*

#### Action

Information

#### Report

The Reliability Advisory Council (RAC) met on March 24, 2021, via WebEx. The following is a summary of items discussed and actions taken at this meeting. All RAC meeting agendas and minutes are located here: [https://www.mro.net/Lists/Calendar/DispForm\\_New.aspx?ID=455](https://www.mro.net/Lists/Calendar/DispForm_New.aspx?ID=455)

#### Areas of Focus

1. The RAC formed a Reliability Conference Planning Group for the virtual conference on August 24, 2021, consisting of Dick Pursley, Jason Weiers, Dallas Rowley, Gayle Nansel and Nandaka Jayasekara. The conference agenda, including speakers, is set to be completed by May 2021.
2. The RAC reviewed and discussed three major system events: the Derecho summer event of 2020, October ice storm of 2020, and February 2021 cold weather event. Outreach opportunities from those events were discussed at length.
3. The RAC discussed a more formal reporting structure with Reliability and Security Technical Committee member and RAC member and the formation of two new NERC task forces (Facilities Rating Task Force (FRTF) and the Energy Reliability Assessment Task Force (ERATF)). The RAC discussed potential future participation or involvement of those groups.

#### Accomplishments

1. Assigning two members to support the Regional Risk Assessment initiative: Nandaka Jayasekara and CJ Brown.
2. RAC member Gayle Nansel volunteered to attend periodic MRO NERC Standards Review Forum meetings to provide planning and operations insights to the standards development process during the commenting phase.
3. Action items were assigned to members of the RAC based on the approved 2021 RAC Work plan.
4. Two articles were submitted for the April Midwest Reliability Matters newsletter.

#### Challenges

1. The COVID-19 Pandemic is still a challenge as far as engagement with the larger council.
2. Planning and hosting the Reliability Conference virtually for the second year in a row limits networking and information sharing opportunities.
3. Properly aligning the RAC's outreach efforts with the top risks identified in the 2021 Regional Risk Assessment.